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**In re U.S. Patent Application of** )  
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**For: HYDROXAMIC ACID DERIVATIVE AND** )  
**AGE GENERATION INHIBITOR CONTAINING** )  
**THE DERIVATIVE** )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants have currently amended the claims in order to eliminate the multiple dependent claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: